

Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development in Georgia

Consultation meeting

Organised by the OECD Development Centre, the European Commission, the State Commission on Migration Issues and the CRRC-Georgia

Public Service Hall, Tbilisi
Thursday, 28th of May, 2015

In January 2013, the OECD launched a project on the **Interrelations between public policies, migration and development**, which aims at enhancing the capacity of the project's ten partner countries in incorporating migration into the design and implementation of their development strategies. The project seeks to better understand how international migration affects non-migration related public policies, and conversely, how these policies affect migration. The project is co-funded by the EU Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum and managed by the OECD Development Centre.

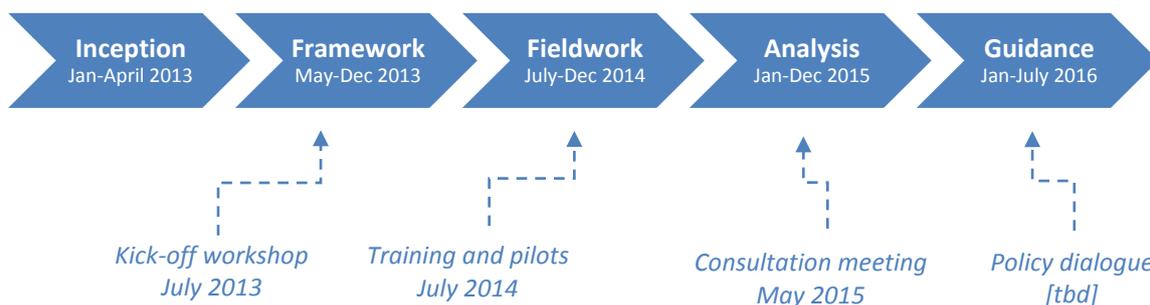
In Georgia, the **State Commission on Migration Issues (SCMI)** serves as the focal point for this project, which aims to provide empirical evidence on the interrelations between migration and public policies based on quantitative and qualitative fieldwork. The methodological framework was developed by the OECD Development Centre and implemented in Georgia by the **CRRC-Georgia**, which collected data using three tools:

- ❖ 2 267 household surveys;
- ❖ 73 community surveys;
- ❖ 27 qualitative stakeholder interviews

The project will provide evidence at the country level as well as across countries. It will focus on the labour market, education, agriculture and investment, key sectors for sustaining economic and social development. Quantitative data for the project was collected from July 18 to September 13, 2014, covering 90% of the country.

This consultation meeting will serve as a platform to bring together all relevant stakeholders in Georgia to discuss preliminary findings and open a dialogue on different points of views and interpretations. The meeting will contribute to enriching the analysis at the country level, and will offer an opportunity to discuss the preliminary results.

Project timeline in Georgia



Agenda

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:20	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Boris Iarochvitch, Delegation of the European Union in Georgia</i> - <i>George Jashi, State Commission on Migration Issues</i> - <i>David Khoudour, OECD Development Centre</i>
Session I: Setting the scene	
09:20 – 10:00	<p>Chair: <i>George Jashi, State Commission on Migration Issues</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Giorgi Babunashvili, Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRC-Georgia)</i> - <i>Jason Gagnon, OECD Development Centre</i> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> This initial session will provide a brief introduction to the objectives and scope of the project. It will also present the tools developed and their implementation in the field, which form the project's empirical foundation. The session will end with an overview of the data collected.</p>
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break
Session II: Migration and labour market	
10:15 – 11:30	<p>Chair: <i>Giorgi Bunturi, Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Affairs</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Nino Zubashvili, CRRC-Georgia</i> - <i>Hyesin Park, OECD Development Centre</i> <p>Discussant: <i>Natia Kvitsiani, International Organization for Migration</i></p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> The session will discuss the preliminary findings on the interrelations between migration and labour market policies. It will highlight the different effects of migration on the labour market as well as the repercussions of labour market policies in terms of emigration, remittances and return migration.</p>

Session III: Migration and agriculture	
11:30-12:45	<p>Chair: <i>Ekaterine Zviadadze, Ministry of Agriculture</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Tamuna Khoshtaria, CRRC-Georgia</i> - <i>Jason Gagnon, OECD Development Centre</i> <p>Discussant: <i>Natia Tchelidze, Independent Researcher</i></p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> The session will discuss the preliminary findings of the project on the interrelations between migration and public policies in the agricultural sector. It will show how migration affects the agricultural sector, and conversely, how agricultural policies affect migration.</p>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch break
Session IV: Migration, education and skills	
13:45 – 15:00	<p>Chair: <i>Nugzar Chitaia, Ministry of Education and Science</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Tinatin Zurabishvili, CRRC-Georgia</i> - <i>Hyeslin Park, OECD Development Centre</i> <p>Discussant: <i>Nino Parsadanishvili, Migration Competence Centre (Tbilisi State University)</i></p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> The session will discuss the preliminary findings on the interrelations between migration and education and skills policies in Georgia. It will emphasize the impact of migration and remittances on the education sector, as well as the consequences of education and skills policies on migration.</p>

Session V: Migration, investment and financial services

15:00 – 16:15	<p>Chair: <i>Mariam Chumburidze, Innovations and Reforms Centre</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mariam Kobaladze, CRRC-Georgia</i> - <i>Jason Gagnon, OECD Development Centre</i> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Nino Parsadanishvili, Migration Competence Centre (Tbilisi State University)</i> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> The session will discuss the preliminary findings on the interrelations between migration and public policies in terms of investment and financial services. It will show first the repercussions of migration and remittances on investment, then the impact of both investment and financial services policies on migration, in particular the use of remittances.</p>
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16:15-16.30

Coffee break

Session VI: Public policy, migration and development

16:30 – 17:45	<p>Chair: <i>Mariam Keburia, State Ministry on Diaspora Issues</i></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>David Khoudour, OECD Development Centre</i> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Varlam Tchkuaseli, Danish Refugee Council</i> • <i>Mariam Chumburidze, Innovations and Reforms Centre</i> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i> The session will discuss the policy implications of the results discussed in the previous sessions. It will show how a different set of non-migration sectoral policies can have an impact of various dimensions of migration, namely, emigration flows, remittances and return migration.</p>
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17:45 – 18:00

Closing remarks and next steps

- *David Khoudour, OECD Development Centre*
- *George Jashi, State Commission on Migration Issues*